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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Charles L.A. Terreni, Esquire
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South Carolina Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company – Annual Review
Docket No. 2005-2-E

Dear Mr. Terreni:

In Order 2006-16, the Commission kindly approved an extension for filing the Fuel Study completed by the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement approved in this docket. The Commission’s Order granted an extension for filing the Fuel Study from December 31, 2005 to January 31, 2006. The Fuel Study shows the results of ORS’s review of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company’s (“SCE&G’s”) fuel purchasing methods and contains information designated as confidential by SCE&G.

Accordingly, please find enclosed the original plus fifteen copies of the redacted Fuel Study for public disclosure along with a Joint Motion from ORS and SCE&G requesting that the unredacted Fuel Study be designated and treated as confidential. The original and fifteen copies of the unredacted Fuel Study are being filed, pursuant to Commission Order No. 2005-226, in a separate and sealed envelope with the words “confidential” marked clearly on the envelope. Please date stamp the extra copy provided of each filing and return them with our courier. By copy of this letter, ORS is also serving a redacted Fuel Study to the parties of record in this matter.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Shannon Bowyer Hudson

Enclosures

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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
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DOCKET NO. 2005-2-E

IN RE: South Carolina Electric & Gas Company -)
Annual Review of Base Rates for)
Fuel Costs)
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JOINT MOTION

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The Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (“SCE&G”) hereby file with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”), pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 103-804(Y)(2) (Supp. 2004) and S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-40(a) (Supp. 2005), this joint motion seeking an order (i) declaring the unredacted Fuel Study accompanying this motion as confidential, (ii) affording the unredacted Fuel Study confidential treatment, and (iii) protecting the unredacted Fuel Study from public disclosure. This joint motion is made on the following grounds:

1. The accompanying unredacted Fuel Study is pursuant to the Settlement Agreement approved in Commission Order 2005-187 wherein the parties agreed to a cumulative review and study (“study” or “Fuel Study”) of SCE&G’s fuel purchasing methods to be conducted and completed by ORS. As part of its study, ORS requested information deemed confidential by SCE&G as it pertains to certain information regarding SCE&G’s operations. Specifically, SCE&G designated information confidential based upon its belief that the information covers non-public proprietary, commercially valuable and/or competitively sensitive information, and/or trade secrets of SCE&G. SCE&G believes it is not appropriate to make detailed confidential information regarding its operations publicly available and further asserts

that access to this confidential information could give actual and potential competitors an unfair competitive advantage. SCE&G's concern is recognized in the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act which allows exemption from disclosure proprietary business information which constitutes a trade secret. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-40(a)(1) (Supp. 2005).

2. ORS does not oppose the confidential designation by SCE&G, and the Settlement Agreement approved in Order 2005-187 specifically addressed the need for a confidentiality agreement for such information. A confidentiality agreement was duly executed between SCE&G and ORS, whereupon ORS received the confidential information from SCE&G to complete its Fuel Study attached hereto. Further, the Settlement Agreement in Order 2005-187 allows the two intervening parties to this docket, SMI Steel – South Carolina and South Carolina Energy Users Committee, to review a copy of the unredacted Fuel Study upon execution of a confidentiality agreement.¹ Accordingly, confidential treatment of the data and backup documentation accompanying this motion is consistent with the Commission's prior Order in this matter.

3. In accordance with Commission Order No. 2005-226,² the accompanying materials are presented for filing in a separate, sealed envelope with the words "confidential" marked clearly on the envelope. Moreover, each page of the unredacted Fuel Study has been marked "Confidential." Further, a redacted version of the Fuel Study is being filed contemporaneously herewith.

¹ A Confidentiality Agreement was executed between SMI Steel – South Carolina, SCE&G and ORS dated December 30, 2005. Further, a Confidentiality Agreement was executed between South Carolina Energy Users Committee, SCE&G and ORS dated December 30, 2005.

² Commission Order No. 2005-226 sets forth the requirements for filing confidential information with the Commission.

WHEREFORE, having fully complied with the requirements set forth in Commission Order No. 2005-226, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company respectfully request that the Commission issue an order (i) declaring the accompanying unredacted Fuel Study as confidential; (ii) affording the unredacted Fuel Study confidential treatment, (iii) protecting the unredacted Fuel Study from public disclosure; and (iv) for such other relief as the Commission may find to be just and proper.

[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

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